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E.O. 12065: XROS-4 9/19/99 (PLATIN, BRUCE A.) OR-M
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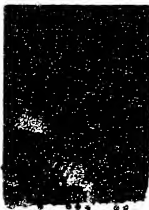
1. (C - ENTIRE TEXT)
2. SUMMARY: ACCORDING TO A TOP KHALQI PROPAGANDA OFFICIAL, TARAKI IS STILL ALIVE AND THE FOUR AFGHAN OFFICIALS REPLACED ON SEPTEMBER 14 ARE STILL AT LARGE. END SUMMARY.
3. ON SEPTEMBER 17, THE A/DCM HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS RECENT POLITICAL EVENTS IN AFGHANISTAN PRIVATELY WITH

THE A/DCM OBSERVED THAT THERE HAD BEEN SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCES IN THE WAY FORMER PRESIDENT NOOR MUHAMMAD TARAKI HAD BEEN HANDLED IN THE SEPTEMBER 15 AND
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16 EDITIONS OF THE "KABUL TIMES." ON THE FORMER DAY, HE HAD

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BEEN THE "GREAT LEADER," "GENIUS LEADER," AND "GREAT TEACHER"
-- AND ON THE 16TH, HE WAS MERELY "MOOR MOHO. TARAKI" [REDACTED]
AIRILY OBSERVED THAT, "THERE ARE UPS AND DOWNS IN POLITICS
-- JUST AS IN THE CASE OF YOUR FORMER PRESIDENT NIXON."

4. [REDACTED] TO DESCRIBE TARAKI'S PRESENT PHYSICAL CON-
DITION OBliquely AS SOME TYPE OF MINOR STROKE OR NERVOUS
DISORDER. [REDACTED] RECALLED
THAT THE FORMER AFGHAN LEADER HAD BEGUN TO DISPLAY AN
"ERRATIC BEHAVIOR" IN CUBA -- UNCHARACTERISTICALLY LOSING
HIS TEMPER FREQUENTLY. [REDACTED] REPORTED THAT TARAKI WAS NOW
RESTING COMFORTABLY -- AND THAT HE THOUGHT THAT HE WOULD
"CONTINUE TO BE SAFE." (NOTE: MOST KABULIS ARE CERTAIN
THAT TARAKI IS DEAD. THEY HAVE NOTED THAT THERE WERE FIVE
COFFINS IN THE SPECIAL FUNERAL CORTEGE OF SEPTEMBER 16 --
BUT ONLY FOUR "MARTYRS" WERE IDENTIFIED BY THE REGIME.)

5. AS FOR THE FOUR OFFICIALS DEPOSED ON SEPTEMBER 14
(INTERIOR MINISTER MOHO. ASLAM WATANJAR, FRONTIER MINISTER
SHER JAN MAZDOORYAR, COMMUNICATIONS MINISTER SAYED MOHO.
GULABZOI, AND AGSA (SECRET POLICE) CHIEF ASADULLAH), [REDACTED]
DECLARED FLATLY THAT ALL FOUR HAD PLED AND WERE STILL AT
LARGE. HE GREATLY REGRETTED THIS, BECAUSE HE THOUGHT THEY
SHOULD BE BROUGHT TO JUSTICE FOR THEIR "GREAT CRIMES AGAINST
THE REVOLUTION, THE PARTY, AND THE PEOPLE." [REDACTED] HELD
THE FOUR RESPONSIBLE FOR MUCH OF THE TROUBLE IN AFGHANISTAN
TODAY, INCLUDING "THE BANDITRY AND LAWLESSNESS." HE ALSO
ACCUSED AGSA'S ASADULLAH OF ENCOURAGING THE DISSEMINATION
OF ANTI-AMIN SHABNAMAS ("NIGHT-LETTERS") BY A DISSIDENT
KHALQI FACTION. (COMMENT: THE EMBASSY DID FIND IT REMARKABLE
THAT THAT PARTICULAR LEAFLET DISTRIBUTION HAD BEEN SUCCESSFULLY
ACCOMPLISHED ON SUCH A WIDESPREAD BASIS WITH NO APPARENT
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POLICE REACTION AT THE TIME.)

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